

Bare Necessities

Village Store and Post Office



We have been open for 5 years and would like to thank all our customers for their support.

As a new business we have tried to work hard and improve on the profit each year and this has happened.

However after 5 years Spike is still working for significantly less than the minimum wage. The profit on a small village stores is fairly low and the Post Office have considerably reduced the income available to Sub Post Masters.

We do understand that the low pay rate is offset by all the benefits of running your own business and is somewhat to be expected.

One of the main positives is providing what we hope is a good service to Ruardean's community. This makes it worthwhile!

After considering our future options we have decided that in order to keep a shop and Post Office in the village and also to keep our health and wellbeing! **We will be closing the shop for 4 weeks each year.** During these weeks the **Post Office will be open for collection of pensions etc. on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings only.**

We are planning that the 4 weeks closure will be:-

Monday October 28th- Sunday November 3rd

The week between Christmas and New Year

One week over Easter

One week in the summer

These dates will be confirmed and further information given regarding bread/papers etc. well in advance for all customers.

All of us who work at Bare Necessities hope that you will understand the decisions we have made. We are happy to hear any constructive comments or questions!

**Bare Necessities
Village Store and Post Office**



We have been open for nearly 2 years!

We rely on your custom so please help us by letting us know what you would like us to stock.

Don't forget that we already offer:

- ✓ Post Office Services and cash withdrawals
 - ✓ Fresh bread
 - ✓ Milk and free range eggs
 - ✓ Fresh fruit and vegetables
 - ✓ Newspapers
 - ✓ Confectionary
- ✓ Wide range of frozen meals
- ✓ Excellent selection of local beers and ciders
 - ✓ Cards and stationary
- ✓ And we are applying to the National Lottery.....

Please use the slip below to let us know your thoughts.

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